CURRENT SPORTING GOSSIP

BURNS WILL BET \$10,000 ON HIMSELF AGAINST JOHNSON.

Colored Pugilist's Manager Writes That the Fight Will Be on the Level and That Burns Will Lose-Battling Nelson Will Take Fredsle Welsh On.

letters just received in this country from Tommy Burns contain the statement hat he has posted \$10,000 in Sydney to be wagered on himself-\$5,000 that he will defeat Jack Johnson and \$5,000 that the big sero will not score a knockout inside of weive rounds. Burns writes that he rezards Johnson as a "lemon" who will prove ust as easy as Squires, Roche, Palmer, Moir and Smith, who proved real quinces when Tommy put them away in Europe. Burns declares that he is confident of winof punishment while waiting for a chance to land a decisive blow and that Johnson possesses a yellow streak. He says that in the event of a victory he will indulge in a ong exhibition tour of Australia and Engand before coming to America, but that if te is beaten he will retire permanently from

he ring. It is said that Burns will weigh about 75 pounds when he enters the ring on De-ember 26 at Sydney, while Johnson will tip he beam at 200 pounds. According to the latest advices from the antipodes Burns is a 7 to 5 favorite, with a large amount of money wagered both ways. A letter was received here yesterday from Sam Fitzpatrick, Johnson's manager, who said:
"Pay no attention to the story that the fight will not be on the level. We have thased Burns almost around the world to get this match and Johnson will surely

win. We had to accept the small end of the purse or Burns would not have agreed o fight, but that does not bother us at all, or we will make big money after Jehnson ecomes heavyweight champion of the orld. Johnson was never better in his He has trained hard and faithfully and will get into the ring in fine shape. He will outweigh Burns by fully twenty-five pounds and will show better boxing and hitting from the start. There will be no. rameup, for we want to show the sporting orld that Burns is nothing more than a ounterfeit and that he has been afraid o try conclusions with Johnson all along. Burns simply had to fight the negro here or crawl, so he insisted on getting \$30,000, no matter what the result of the fight might Australians are crazy over the boxing rame, and when the men enter the ring, they ell me, there will be nearly 25,000 spectators which means that the gross receipts will amount to possibly \$70,000, maybe more. After the fight Johnson will go back to England for a while and will then return to America, where he will as champion be prepared to meet all comers."

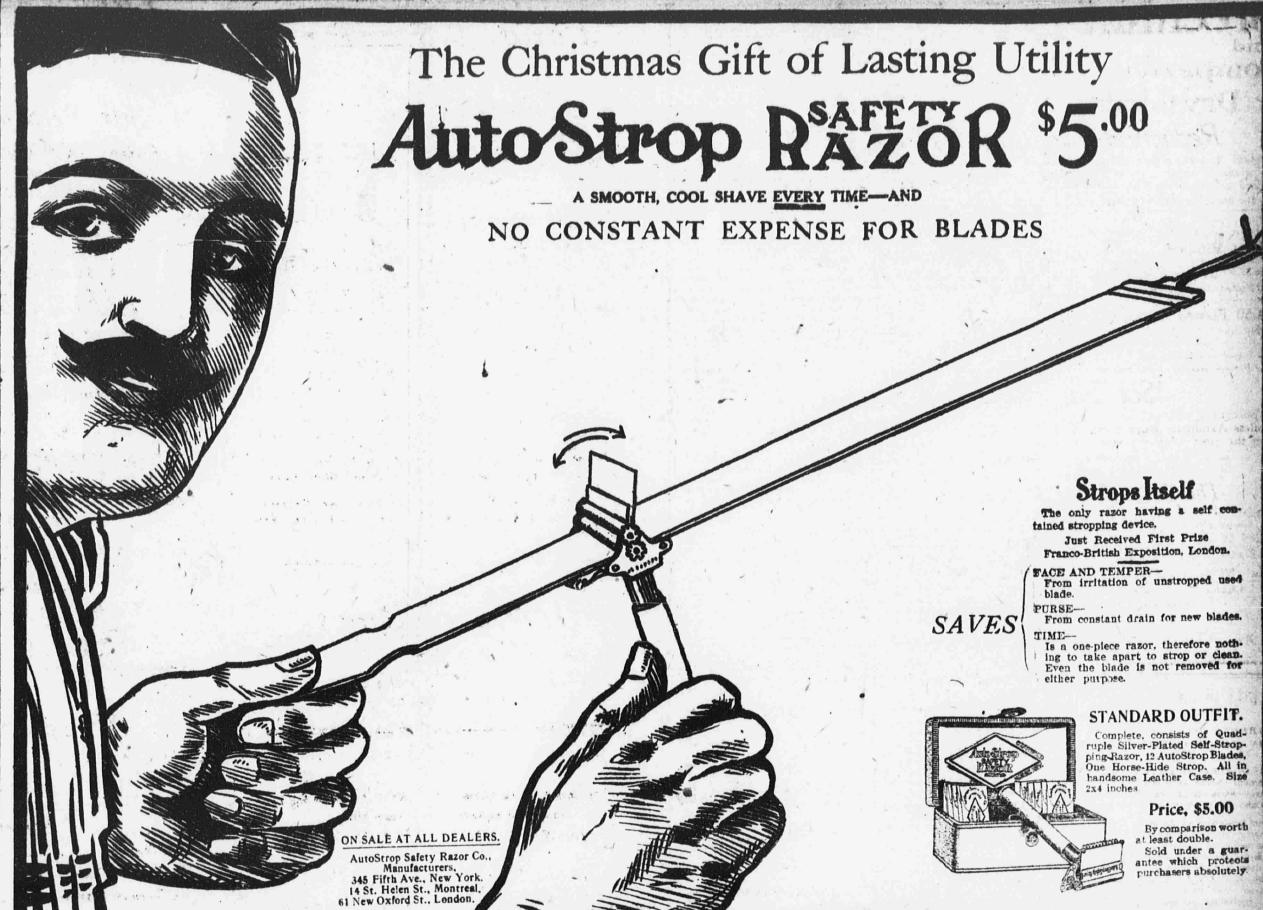
Battling Nelson, lightweight champion of the world, who arrived here from the the Word, who arrives the Freddie Welsh, the English boxer, will be his next opponent. but that he cannot say just when the mill will take place. Nelson declares that Welsh is the best man at 133 pounds, bar-ing himself, in the world and that he outclasses Packey McFarland. The Dane may have been joking, but he insisted that before resuming the pugilistic game he intended to do a lot of long distance runing for the purpose of taking part in several larathon" races with Longboat, Dorando Hayes. Nelson says he was always a od runner and that he sees no reason by he should not get a whack at some of rich money prizes that are hung up

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the Sparrow manufactures boxing gloves, running shoes and other athletic toggery. President Farrell of the New York
Americans said yesterday that there was and visitors are always welcome to drop in for a chat on the latest doings in the athbeen sold to Detroit. "It is the first I've heard of it," said he.

It was much the same case in the old

NEWS OF THE ATHLETES

amateur is one who derives no monetary gain from participation in sports and pastimes. The great difficulty will be to get governing bodies to agree (1) That the taking of actual out of pocket expenses in interclub, intercounty and international competitions shall be recognized and allowed, and (2) that competition between amateurs and professionals shall be permitted.

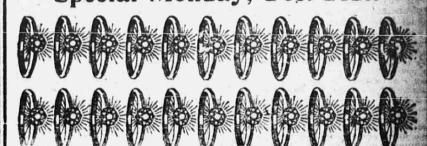
Sparrow Robertson Still Presides Over the Athletic Symposium—New Ideas on Universal Amateur Definition—Military Tourney for the Garden.

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ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL. Many Games Postponed Because of Slip-

pery Grounds -Results. Although many of the association football fixtures scheduled for yesterday afternoon were cancelled at the !ast moment owing to the slippery condition of the grounds a number of engagements were the governing bounds is shall be allowed to compete together. As it is already allowed at so many sports, however, it is to be hoped that the custom will spread. For Hawke, the Hon. T.S. Jackson (cricket). Sir E. Grey, H. K. Foster, Eustace Miles (racquets and tennis), C. B. Fry, W. J. Oakley, G. V. Smith (association football), H. H. Hilton, the Hon. O. Scott (golf), J. W. H. T. Douglas (boxing), the Hon. lon Keith Falconk (cycling), Lieut. Wyndam Halswelle and Lieut, Allan Patterson (running) are a few amateurs who have met professionals, but no broadminded sportsman thinks any the less of them in consequence. filled nevertheless. The Columbia Univer-

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